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SUBJECT:R/V SEVERIANA CLEARANCE REQUEST, 12-27 APRIL 1978

1. R/V SEVERIANA, A PRIVATE VESSEL OPERATED AND SPONSORED BY THE INSTITUTE OF MARINE RESOURCES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IS PLANNING TO CONDUCT MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN THE TERRITORIAL WATERS OF MEXICO. THE PURPOSE OF THE RESEARCH IS TO ACQUIRE AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE ENERGY TRANSFER PROCESSES IN CORAL REEF ECOSYSTEMS. MUCUS SAMPLES OF CORAL SPECIES WILL BE COLLECTED FOR PREPARATION OF ANTIBODIES FOR IMMUNOASSAY OF REEF FISH GUT CONTENTS. ATTEMPTS WILL BE MADE TO ESTABLISH THE EXTENT OF CORAL MUCUS FEEDING BY CERTAIN SMALL REEF FISH SPECIES. SCUBA GEAR WILL BE USED AS WELL AS HAND LINES TO CAPTURE SAMPLES OF THE REEF FISH. THE RESEARCH SCIENTISTS WILL OPERATE FROM THE SEVERIANA AND WILL NOT GO ASHORE.

2. THE CHIEF SCIENTIST IS DR. ANDREW BENSON OF THE
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INSTITUTE OF MARINE RESOURCES, WHO WILL BE ASSISTED BY DR. JAMES CHRISTIANSEN AND DR. PHILIP DUSTAN, BOTH ARE RESEARCH SCIENTISTS AT SCRIPPS INSTITUTION OF OCEANOGRAPHY. A BERTH IS AVAILABLE FOR ONE MEXICAN PARTICIPANT, IN ADDITION SR. JULIO CANDELA OF ESCUELA SUPERIOR DE CIENCIAS MARINAS IN ENSENADA HAS BEEN INVITED. ALL DATA

RESULTS WILL BE SHARED WITH THE GOM.

3. SHIP'S ITINERARY FOLLOWS:

SAN DIEGO 12 APRIL 1978

ISLA CLARION 16 APRIL

ISLA SOCORRO 21 APRIL

SAN DIEGO 27 APRIL

A SHIP'S TRACK IS BEING POUCHED.

4. SHIP'S CAPTAIN IS LEWIS SESSONS WITH A CREW OF 4 AND
SCIENTIFIC PARTY OF 6. SEVERIANA IS 189 GROSS TONS,
102 FT. LONG AND HAS A 9 FT. DRAFT. RADIO CALL SIGN IS
WYM 3372. SHIP MONITORS 2182 KHZ WHILE UNDERWAY.

5. ACTION: EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO SEEK CLEARANCE FOR
SEVERIANA TO CONDUCT MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN
MEXICAN TERRITORIAL WATERS DURING THE PERIOD 12-27
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